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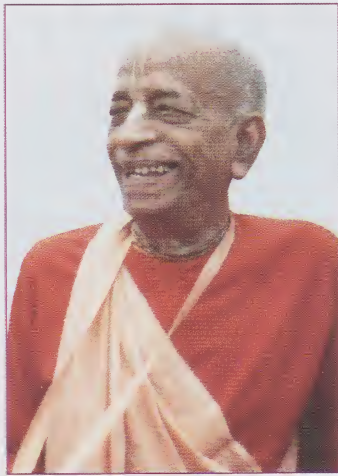
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Understanding Through Intelligence

Welcome to Issue 43 of *Back To Prabhupāda* (BTP).

Along with this issue, all our subscribers will also be receiving a copy of our publication *Śrīla Prabhupāda: The Founder-Ācārya of ISKCON*. This book presents the conclusions of the GBC's Foundational Document, in which we demonstrate that the GBC has concluded that Śrīla Prabhupāda's permanent and exclusive position as ISKCON's Founder-Ācārya, also means that he is ISKCON's permanent *dikṣā* (initiating) guru. Thus, the GBC's Foundational Document is in agreement with the IRM's foundational document, *The Final Order*. Our feature article on the next page explains further.

Of course, as usual, the GBC has reached these conclusions unintentionally, and this development illustrates a recurring pattern highlighted by *BTP*, which is that we demonstrate that the leaders of ISKCON alternate either between speaking straightforward nonsense or being bounced into unwittingly having to agree with the IRM. Thus, they have no idea if they are coming or going, and instead confusion and contradiction reign.

The reason for such a phenomenon is that the GBC are trying to achieve the impossible. They are trying to somehow make Śrīla Prabhupāda's clear instructions conclude the opposite of what they actually state. Thus, one of two scenarios usually results: they either claim that Śrīla

Prabhupāda states something which he does not, or they offer a conclusion which does not match what Śrīla Prabhupāda does state. This is when we are forever having to point out the straightforward nonsense which the GBC speaks.

Or, they accurately present Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions and let them speak for themselves. In which case, the GBC end up being "forced" to agree with the IRM. Which is what has happened in the case of the GBC's Foundational Document. And it is what has also happened in so many other instances—it seems as if in every issue we are highlighting another major concession or climbdown by the GBC!

In the *Bhagavad-gītā*, it is explained:

"Intelligence, knowledge, freedom from doubt and delusion, forgiveness, truthfulness, control of the senses, control of the mind, happiness and distress, birth, death, fear, fearlessness, nonviolence, equanimity, satisfaction, austerity, charity, fame and infamy—all these various qualities of living beings are created by Me alone."

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The different qualities of living entities, be they good or bad, are all created by Kṛṣṇa, and they are described here. Intelligence refers to the power to analyze things in their proper perspective".

(Bg., 10.4-5)

And Śrīla Prabhupāda ex-

plains:

"Something understood by the intelligence is fixed forever and cannot waver, and that is almost spiritual."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 8/7/72)

Thus, intelligence is defined as the ability to "analyze things in their proper perspective", which in turn will allow one's understanding to be fixed. Clearly, the fact that the GBC are unable to even consistently agree with themselves means they have failed on both counts. Śrīla Prabhupāda explains above that developing intelligence is not even necessarily spiritual ("almost spiritual"). But because it allows one to "analyze things in their proper perspective", it allows one to reach the correct understanding. Thus, if ISKCON's leadership developed such intelligence, they would be able to analyze and understand Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions in their proper perspective. Instead, they analyse such instructions from their self-motivated perspective, which leads them to try to reach conclusions which benefit them personally, rather than understanding and following what Śrīla Prabhupāda has actually ordered.

And, therefore, until they at least develop intelligence, such alternating between speaking nonsense, and also being bounced into agreeing with the IRM, will continue.

Thank you and Hare Kṛṣṇa.

In Śrīla Prabhupāda's service,
Krishnakant

IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Śrīla Prabhupāda from our material vision on November 14, 1977, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Śrīla Prabhupāda, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *dikṣā* guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Śrīla Prabhupāda gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *dikṣā* guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order*—see back page to order your free copy.

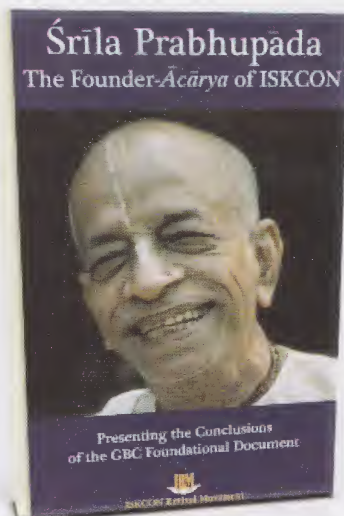
GBC's Historic Acceptance of IRM's Conclusions

The cover story of *BTP* 41 made the following announcement: "GBC Adopts IRM Position!". In it we showed how ISKCON UK's "Vision Statement", which was officially endorsed by ISKCON Governing Body Commissioner **Praghosa Dāsa**, presented evidence of the GBC's acceptance of the IRM's position—that Śrīla Prabhupāda is ISKCON's only *dikṣā* (initiating) guru. The GBC has now gone much further. They have published and widely distributed a "Foundational Document" devoted exclusively to Śrīla Prabhupāda's position, titled *Śrīla Prabhupāda—The Founder-Ācārya of ISKCON: A GBC Foundational Document*. In this year's GBC Resolutions, Resolution 323 hails this document as "an historic text for ISKCON". And GBC Resolution 310 calls for the document to be made widely available throughout ISKCON.

The GBC document is indeed historic, for its conclusions are actually in accordance with the IRM's own foundational document, *The Final Order*, which was published and presented to the GBC in 1996. And, to demonstrate this fact, the IRM have published a special paperback book, titled *Śrīla Prabhupāda—The Founder-Ācārya of ISKCON: Presenting the Conclusions of the GBC Foundational Document*, which has been distributed to every *BTP* subscriber along with this *BTP* issue (please see cover picture above).

Founder-Ācārya means *dikṣā*-guru

Our book demonstrates that the conclusions offered by the GBC's Foundational Document endorse the position of the IRM that, following his physical departure, Śrīla Prabhupāda's position in ISKCON remained unchanged. These conclusions arise from the GBC's acceptance that Śrīla Prabhupāda's position in

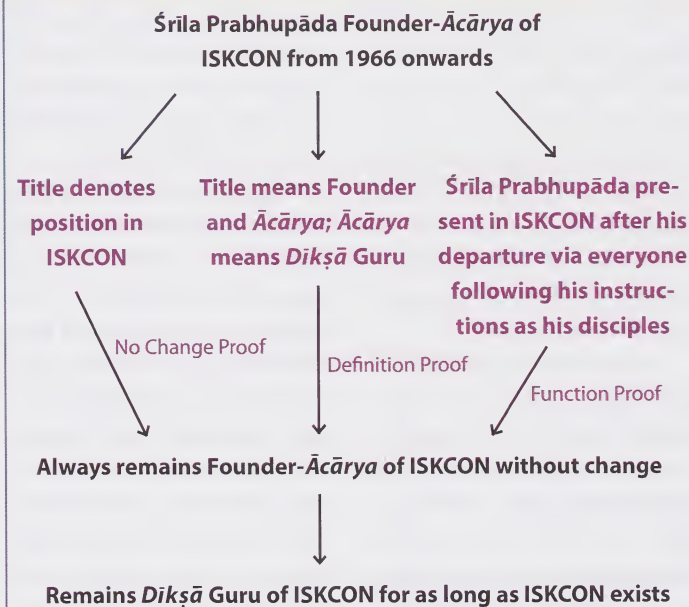


ISKCON is denoted by his title of Founder-Ācārya; that this title includes acting as *dikṣā* guru; and that Śrīla Prabhupāda's position in ISKCON never changes. Which in turn means that Śrīla Prabhupāda is both the Founder-Ācārya and *dikṣā* guru of ISKCON for as long as ISKCON exists. The diagram above summarises the proofs offered by the GBC's document—please see the book supplied with this issue's *BTP* for the supporting evidence.

These conclusions are substantiated directly from the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda quoted by the GBC, as well as the GBC's explanation for what these instructions from Śrīla Prabhupāda mean; and therefore are definitive. Thus, we have the landmark situation that the GBC has issued a definitive, "historic", "Foundational Document" for ISKCON which concludes that Śrīla Prabhupāda shall continue to occupy a permanent position in ISKCON as its only *dikṣā* guru.

Over the years, the IRM has been accused of having an adversarial position to the current GBC. We have been advised instead to cooperate with the GBC. In the spirit of such cooperation, our book offers the conclusions of the GBC's own foundational document—a document which it has recommended should be widely read by everyone in ISKCON.

Summary of the GBC's 3 Proofs



Granted, as usual, these conclusions were reached by the GBC unintentionally, but they should take it as the will of Kṛṣṇa, that the Supersoul Himself guided the GBC to reach these conclusions. How else can we explain the mystical result that a document which set out to justify the current ISKCON guru system, actually ended up proving the exact opposite!

IRM prevails

The Foreword to the GBC foundational document was written by **HH Bhakti Charu Swami** ("BCS"), and he had already recognised long ago that accepting that Śrīla Prabhupāda is the Founder-Ācārya of ISKCON means accepting the conclusions of the IRM (whom the GBC labels "ritviks"):

"Guru Mahārāja (BCS) was reading out loud to us the final version of his famous Founder Ācārya Paper. [...] He mentioned jokingly, 'actually, the Ritviks could have won me over so easily! This is all their philosophy.'"

(BCS *Iṣṭagoṣṭhi*, 15/1/2001)

Now, the GBC has formalised

this understanding, albeit unwittingly, that accepting Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as the unchanging Founder-Ācārya of ISKCON, also means that Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as the *dikṣā* guru of ISKCON is unchanging. Thus, again we see that no matter how hard the GBC try to defy the preaching of the IRM, one way or another they end up being forced to actually accept it!

Conclusion

The GBC's document opens with a note from the GBC Executive Committee, which they end by declaring:

"As Bhakti Charu Swami writes in the Foreword, 'this book is not meant for casual reading, but for implementation.'"

Thus, if the GBC have any integrity, they will need to follow through on their own advice and implement their own conclusions by immediately declaring Śrīla Prabhupāda as ISKCON's only *dikṣā* guru. They may not wish to listen to Śrīla Prabhupāda or the IRM, but surely they can at least listen to themselves?!

Only the Ācārya Can Make Changes

ISKCON leader, HH Hridayānanda Dāsa Goswami (“HD”) has founded a movement called **Krishna West (“KW”)**. This movement, he explains, is required because the ISKCON way of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness has failed in the West, and therefore he has to launch a new way which offers an alternative destination to ISKCON, where the “Indian” aspects of ISKCON are discarded:

“I have said hundreds of times that we have no intention, no interest, to change other ISKCON projects. We want to do something new, not change what is already there. [...] It is not a bridge, it is a destination. Despite all our bridge programs, our movement is essentially irrelevant in the western world. I believe that the only way to change this is to allow western people to take the spiritual science without requiring them to become Indian.”

(KW Q&A, HD *Iṣṭagoṣṭhī* website, 1/1/14, emphases added)

Below we examine HD’s justification for the changes he is making as part of the KW movement.

An ācārya makes changes

Śrīla Prabhupāda teaches that every ācārya is empowered to make changes in order to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness:

“An ācārya who comes for the service of the Lord cannot be expected to conform to a stereotype, for he must find the ways and means by which Kṛṣṇa consciousness may be spread.”

(Cc., Ādi-līlā, 7.31-32)

“Every ācārya has a specific means of propagating his spiritual movement with the aim of bringing men to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Therefore, the method of one ācārya may be different from that of another, but the ultimate goal is never neglected.”

(Cc., Ādi-līlā, 7.37)

Time and place

Śrīla Prabhupāda further explains how, being an ācārya himself, he is authorised to make such changes according to the principle of time and place in order to accommodate Westerners:

“An ācārya should devise a means by which people may somehow or other come to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. [...] For example, since boys and girls in the Western countries freely intermingle, special concessions regarding their customs and habits are necessary to bring them to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. [...] It is the concern of the ācārya to show mercy to the fallen souls. In this connection, deśa-kāla-pātra (the place, the time and the object) should be taken into consideration. [...] it is not possible to completely separate the men from the women.”

(Cc., Ādi-līlā, 7.37-38)

“The teacher (ācārya) has to consider time, candidate and country. [...] The ācārya’s duty is to accept the essence of devotional service. There may be a little change here and there as far as yukta-vairāgya (proper renunciation) is concerned.”

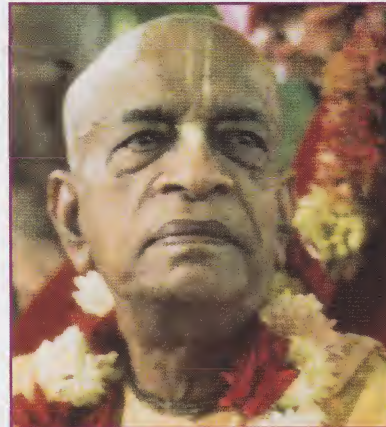
(Cc., Madhya-līlā, 23.105)

HD invokes the right of an ācārya

HD invokes this right of the ācāryas to make changes according to time and place, citing them as examples, to justify the changes he has made in KW:

“Is ISKCON not already an expression of a Krishna West enterprise initiated by Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī and Śrīla Prabhupāda? How far should it go? Shouldn’t we keep to their given standards?”

Bhaktivinoda, Bhaktisiddhānta, and Prabhupāda also continued to adapt to changing times. Adapting, within a



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HD:
Not ISKCON’s Ācārya

fixed framework, is the history of Vaishnavism.”

(KW Q&A, HD *Iṣṭagoṣṭhī* website, 1/1/14)

These ācāryas made such changes because, as HD explains:

“Every major world religion succeeded by adapting to time and place.”

(KW Q&A, HD *Iṣṭagoṣṭhī* website, 1/1/14)

HD not an ācārya

Though HD is correct that an ācārya is authorised to make the type of changes he has made for KW, it is the ācārya and only the ācārya who is authorised to make such changes, since he knows how to make such adjustments:

“So ācārya means, just like Gosvāmīs, they would read all the scriptures and take the essence of it and give it to his disciples that, ‘You act like this.’ Because he knows what to give, how to manipulate, so that his ekāntataḥ śreyas will be achieved. Ultimate goal. Therefore the ācārya knows how to adjust things, at the same time keep pace with the spiritual interest. That is ācārya. [...] Just like my Guru Mahārāja. He is the first time that he allowed the sannyāsīs to drive in a motorcar. A sannyāsi never drives in a motorcar, you see? [...] So therefore it depends on the ācārya how to adjust things. [...] The ācārya

knows how to adjust things.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, 20/2/73)

And, as the GBC’s Foundational Document (discussed in the previous article) makes clear, due to his position as the Founder-Ācārya, Śrīla Prabhupāda alone will always be the ācārya of ISKCON. Indeed, on page 31 the document quotes the same verses we have given here from Cc., Ādi-līlā 7.37 and Cc., Madhya-līlā 23.105 to establish Śrīla Prabhupāda’s qualities as the ācārya of ISKCON, having first asserted that he alone will remain as ISKCON’s ācārya. And HD was one of the initial members of the “Śrīla Prabhupāda Position Committee” which commissioned the document! And it states on the KW website that KW is part of ISKCON. Therefore, only Śrīla Prabhupāda, as the ācārya of ISKCON, could make any such changes. While HD, who is not the ācārya of ISKCON, is not authorised to make such changes.

Conclusion

Thus, the issue is not whether or not changes can be made according to time and place in order to further the preaching. The issue, as Śrīla Prabhupāda teaches, is that only the ācārya is authorised to make such changes, period. And that ācārya is Śrīla Prabhupāda, not HD; a non-controversial point which even the GBC and HD themselves accept.

Kripamoya's Christian Confusion

A common tactic has been to try to disparage the conclusion that Śrīla Prabhupāda is ISKCON's permanent *dikṣā* guru (a conclusion which ISKCON's leadership labels as "ṛtvik") by claiming that such a conclusion would be a "Christian idea", and, therefore, has no place in "Vaiṣṇavism". For example, GBC-elected guru Kripamoya Dāsa ("KMD") uses this smear tactic in an article posted on his website on 10/3/14, in which he states:

"ISKCON members [...] should be aware when someone seeks the imposition of Judaeo-Christian notions upon Vaishnavism, such as the 'ṛtvik' idea of a truncated paramparā*."

*disciplic succession

However, as we shall now show, this smear tactic does not work for the simple reason that ISKCON's leaders have themselves already accepted "Judaeo-Christian" notions regarding Śrīla Prabhupāda's exalted status!

Jesus = guru

Śrīla Prabhupāda teaches that Jesus is the spiritual master who accepts the sinful reactions of his followers, in a similar way to how a *dikṣā* guru accepts the sinful activities of his disciples:

"The spiritual master has to take the responsibility for all the sinful activities of his disciples. Therefore to make many disciples is a risky job unless one is able to assimilate all the sins. [...] He takes responsibility for all the fallen souls. That idea is also in the Bible. Jesus Christ took all the sinful reactions of the people and sacrificed his life. That is the responsibility of a spiritual master. [...] Actually, one who is guided by Jesus Christ will certainly get liberation."

(*Perfect Questions, Perfect Answers*, Ch. 6 & 9)

"*Dikṣā* is the process by

which one can awaken his transcendental knowledge and vanquish all reactions caused by sinful activity."

(Cc. *Madhya-līlā*, 15.108)

Śrīla Prabhupāda = Jesus

KMD's ISKCON guru colleagues, HH Bhakti Charu Swami and the deceased HH Tamāla Kṛṣṇa Goswami, both state that the position of Śrīla Prabhupāda is equal to that of Jesus Christ in every way:

"Therefore, when people ask 'what do you mean by Śrīla Prabhupāda's having the position of Founder-Ācārya', my reply is, 'What Jesus is to Christianity and what Muhammed is to Islam, Śrīla Prabhupāda should be that to ISKCON'."

(BCS, Day 3, LA Seminar, 'Questions and Answers', published 11/6/00)

"I had no doubt that Śrīla Prabhupāda was equal to Lord Jesus in every way. [...] Just as Jesus Christ had sacrificed his life for the redemption of the fallen, similarly Śrīla Prabhupāda was suffering on our behalf, absorbing our karma to raise us to transcendental life."

(Tamāla Kṛṣṇa Goswami, *Servant of the Servant*, BBT, 1984)

Śrīla Prabhupāda = *dikṣā* guru

Therefore, in trying to discredit Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru by claiming that such a concept would be imposing "Judaeo-Christian" notions, KMD has only ended up discrediting himself, for:

a) Śrīla Prabhupāda, whom KMD accepts as bona fide, states that Jesus' position is similar to that of a *dikṣā* guru who accepts the sinful activities of, and liberates, his followers.

b) His own guru colleagues, whom KMD also accepts as bona fide*, accept that Śrīla Prabhupāda's position in ISKCON is equiv-

alent to that of Jesus Christ in Christianity.

Therefore, since KMD accepts both Śrīla Prabhupāda and his ISKCON guru colleagues as bona fide, he also has to accept that Śrīla Prabhupāda's position in ISKCON today is that of a spiritual master who accepts the sinful activities of, and liberates, his disciples, i.e. he is the *dikṣā* guru.

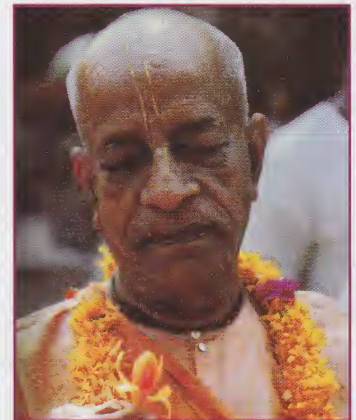
Disobedience crack

KMD also implies that those who have rejected the GBC's guru hoax program by continuing to accept Śrīla Prabhupāda as ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru, are disobeying Śrīla Prabhupāda by "splintering":

"In the Hare Krishna movement, the splintering tendency was regularly subjugated by the single, commanding voice of its founder-ācārya who confessed 'I am always afraid of this crack.' [...] So it was that the 'true' followers of Śrīla Prabhupāda began a campaign against all his other followers when they failed to support their views on how initiations would be conducted after his physical demise."

However, Śrīla Prabhupāda's statement about the "crack" which KMD quotes actually refers to disobeying Śrīla Prabhupāda's orders for the purpose of sense gratification, just as the Gauḍīya Maṭha did:

"the central point is the order of the Spiritual Master, [...] The difficulty is sometimes things are interpreted in a manner dovetailing one's own sense gratification. I have got this personal experience in my Guru Maharaja's institution. Different Godbrothers took the words of Guru Maharaja in different interpretations for sense gratification and the whole mission disrupted. This is still going on for the last 40 years without any proper settlement. I am always afraid of this crack, but



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ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru

I am sure if our aim is to serve Krishna sincerely and the Spiritual Master simultaneously, that will be our success."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 18/10/69, emphases added)

And, by usurping Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru, it is KMD and his GBC guru colleagues who have "dovetailed" for "one's own sense gratification", just like the Gauḍīya Maṭha. This fact is documented conclusively here: www.iskconirm.com/crack

Conclusion

KMD prefaced his remarks about the imposition of "Judaeo-Christian" notions by saying:

"ISKCON members [...] need to learn sufficient Vaishnava theology to identify and understand the veracity of ideas that arise from time to time within their own community."

As we have just shown, one ISKCON member who would do well to learn sufficient Vaiṣṇava theology, as well as the ideas that have arisen in his own community, is KMD himself! Then he would be able to "identify and understand" that the conclusions he puts forward regarding "ṛtvik" actually have no veracity.

* See BTP 37, "Book Exposés Force Desperate Response" for KMD's support of BCS, and KMD dedicated a *kirtana* at Māyāpur this year to the "blessed memory" of HH Tamāla Kṛṣṇa Goswami.

Keeping Faith in Śrīla Prabhupāda's Orders

Two issues ago, we exposed GBC-elected ISKCON guru HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS")'s shocking attack on Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings about education, which BCS stated were a "mistake" (BTP 41, "Śrīla Prabhupāda v. Bhakti Charu Swami"). Shortly after our exposé had landed worldwide, BCS held a teleconference where he was asked to address the same points raised in the BTP article. In response, as we shall see, BCS goes further and actually calls for Śrīla Prabhupāda's orders to be abandoned altogether! The quotes in the shaded boxes below are from this teleconference held by BCS on 4/2/14.

Gurukula, not śūdra slave education

"But very aptly Śrīla Prabhupāda pointed out that that education system is actually the śūdra education system. [...] The purpose of education today has become just to earn money, to get a good job. [...] At that time Prabhupāda opened the Gurukula in Vrndāvana. Just a Gurukula building was built. And Prabhupāda told Mr Dalmia (big industrialist): 'Just send your children to the Gurukula.' Prabhupāda pointed out that what is going on in the name of education is simply to create slaves. The purpose of this education is to get a job."

BCS first agrees with the points made in the BTP 41 article: that Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted *gurukula* education rather than education geared towards getting a job—*śūdra* slave education.

BCS proposes śūdra slave education

"Those who have to go out and get a job, those will go out and start their own business. At least these two classes, we have to prepare them, so that they have the option and the liberty to take up

this kind of lifestyle. That is what Avantī schools are providing."

Having correctly stated that Śrīla Prabhupāda was opposed to education geared towards getting a job, calling it a *śūdra* slave education system, BCS also states that he supports the Avantī schools providing education geared towards getting a job.

BCS says gurukulas should be stopped

"In response to whatever some individuals may say about the Avantī schools, my response will be: 'We have to be practical.' We have seen that the world is not ready for our Gurukula system, the way we established them at that time. That kind of Gurukula will probably be there when the whole world is Kṛṣṇa conscious. They can get pure Kṛṣṇa conscious education and lead a *brahminical* life."

BCS justifies the job education (*śūdra* slave education) of the Avantī schools by claiming that the world is "not ready" for the *gurukula* system of education given by Śrīla Prabhupāda. And, therefore, according to BCS, to establish such *gurukulas* would first require the whole world to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. But it is not possible for the whole world to be Kṛṣṇa conscious:

"No, no, you cannot expect that the whole world will become Kṛṣṇa conscious. That is not possible."

(Morning Walk, 29/5/74)

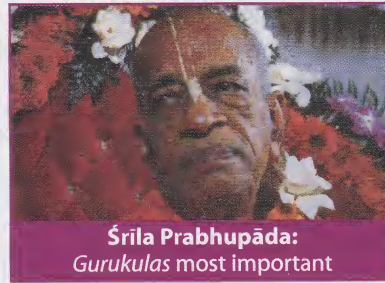
"You cannot expect that the whole world, whole population of the world, will become Vaiṣṇava. That is not possible."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, 24/3/69)

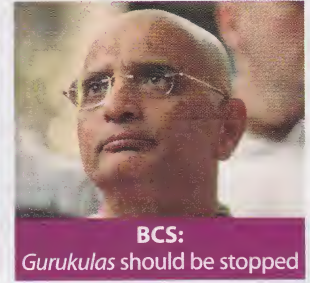
"So we cannot expect that cent percent people will be God conscious or Kṛṣṇa conscious. That is not possible"

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, 3/1/70)

Thus, BCS is actually saying that *gurukulas* should never be es-



Śrīla Prabhupāda:
Gurukulas most important



BCS:
Gurukulas should be stopped

tablished, period.

No faith

BCS justifies abandoning the *gurukula* system of education by claiming that the "world is not ready" for it. But Śrīla Prabhupāda never stated that his orders should be abandoned just because BCS does not have enough faith to follow them in the face of world opposition. On the contrary, Śrīla Prabhupāda explained that we must continue despite the world not being ready:

"You cannot expect favorable situation. It is not possible. When I came in America, I never expected any favorable situation. I wrote that poetry in disappointment, that 'Who will accept this?' That is the position. [...] Actually, the American boys are fighting against so many unfavorable situations. They are sometimes beaten in the airport, you know that? Still they are preaching; that is preaching, that is preaching. 'The unfavorable situation, so let me give it up,' that is not preaching. Yes, we must know that there is unfavorable situation, still I have to." (Room Conversation, 10/8/76)

Hence, though Śrīla Prabhupāda was well aware that the world preferred *śūdra* slave education to *gurukulas*, he still wanted the *gurukulas* established:

"I wanted to start this *gurukula* long, long, ago before going to the USA, in 1960, say '62, '61, but I approached so many gentlemen friends; they never agreed to give their sons to *gurukula*. They never agreed.

Everyone said, "Swamiji, what benefit there will be by training our students in the *gurukula* way? They have to earn their bread."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, 14/4/76)

"I consider this Gurukula school to be one of our most important aspects of this movement"

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 20/6/72)

We quoted BCS in the last section stating that *gurukula* will allow one to:

"get pure Kṛṣṇa conscious education and lead a *brahminical* life."

From BCS's perspective, ISKCON is also supposed to be providing this. Therefore, by BCS's faithless argument, if we must abandon *gurukulas* because the world is not ready for them, then BCS should also call for ISKCON itself to be shut down. Because both ISKCON and the *gurukulas* are, according to him, offering the same "Kṛṣṇa conscious education and *brahminical* life".

Conclusion

There can be no argument over the conclusions presented above because we quote BCS specifically stating that Śrīla Prabhupāda preached the opposite to what he proposes. Indeed, after the above teleconference was posted to both BCS's personal website and a GBC funded website, it was hastily removed! However, we managed to archive it before the cover-up occurred. Again, we have a stark choice. Faith in Śrīla Prabhupāda or faith in his faithless GBC "representatives". Please choose Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Spiritual Success v. Material Success

In the preceding article we saw GBC voted-in guru **HH Bhakti Charu Swami** ("BCS") preaching the opposite to Śrīla Prabhupāda—by calling for the *gurukula* system of education to be replaced by job education. In the same teleconference quoted by the article, BCS also states:

"Won't it be wonderful to see that our children are winning Olympic gold medals? Then only will we have recognition that, yes, ISKCON is the real institution."

And, earlier he had stated:

"Let us start off with a school, and considering if those children are coming out and if they're going to Harvard, Princeton, and Oxford and Cambridge [...] Let them become the most successful people in the world. Let them become the army general, let them become state presidents, and that is how Kṛṣṇa consciousness will have its recognition and establishment. And why not? Devotees of Kṛṣṇa are meant to be the best. So that's why I was saying, like I don't think in terms of *gurukula*."

(BCS Lecture, 13/5/09)

Hence, BCS's call for Śrīla Prabhupāda's *gurukula* program to be ditched is actually a consequence of a new theory regarding Kṛṣṇa consciousness. According to this theory, only material success in terms of attending a top university, winning Olympic Gold medals, becoming President, army general and the "most successful people in the world" will enable ISKCON to be recognised as the "real" institution. Claiming that a *spiritual* organisation will only be recognised as being "real" based on it being *materially* successful is absurd and contradictory. And, as we will see, Śrīla Prabhupāda confirms that such a theory is indeed nonsense. All emphases have been added.

Spiritual formula

"This routine program is the backbone of our Movement, and we stand solid on such program such as chanting, speaking, arati, reading scriptures, prasadam, like that. These things are sufficient for us. Any sane man will be attracted to such program. And if we perform everything nicely and always seize every opportunity to preach about Krishna, that is our formula for success."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 8/12/71)

"Our process is to show Krishna Consciousness as it is, not as others want to see it. By showing KC in this way, you are making the thing less important. It is not that we should change to accommodate the public, but that we should change the public to accommodate us. [...] These books are the best advertising, they are better than advertising. If we simply present Krishna Consciousness in a serious and attractive way, without need to resort to fashionable slogans or tricks, that is sufficient. Our unique asset is our purity. No one anywhere can match it. That will be noticed eventually and appreciated, as long as we do not diminish or neglect the highest standard of purity in performing our routine work, not that we require to display or announce ourselves in very clever ways to get attention. No, our pure standard is enough. Let us stand on that basis."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 28/12/71)

"If we stick to our principle, certainly very soon we shall be recognized as a bona fide institution and who can give better information than us in the matter of Spiritual understanding?"

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 13/3/70)

Śrīla Prabhupāda directly cautions that we must rely only on our standard spiritual program

and Śrīla Prabhupāda's books. This alone is sufficient for ISKCON to become successful and recognised as bona fide.

Don't waste time

"We are trying to gain success in these material activities, but by God's will, there are different living entities. They have already all the successes. So therefore our real business is not to waste our time to get any material success. Our real business is how we shall be successful to become an obedient servant of Kṛṣṇa. That's all. That is real success."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Morning Walk, 5/4/74)

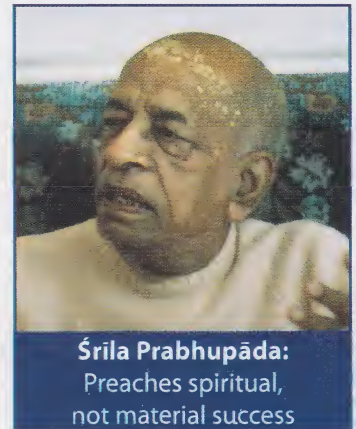
"But to come to the point of a reputed artist will require long duration of time. And our time is very short. We have to finish our Krishna Consciousness during our lifetime, and we should not waste a single moment for anything else. According to Caitanya Caritamṛta, a man is famous who is known as a great devotee of Krishna. So if there is not possibility of selling our pictures immediately on presentation, I do not think there is any necessity to improve our artistic craftsmanship. We should be satisfied with our pictures hanging in our different temples. But we may not sacrifice our valuable time for becoming famous artists so that pictures may be sold like hotcakes."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 13/4/68)

"But at the present moment to go to university means how to gratify the senses very scientifically. [...] It is simply a waste of time. This modern university education is simply a waste of time."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, 27/10/76)

Rather, trying to spend time and energy becoming materially successful is directly condemned as a waste of time.



Śrīla Prabhupāda:
Preaches spiritual,
not material success

No compromise

Śrīla Prabhupāda: "They are daily one or two gentlemen, like you they are coming. But they find our prescription very strict. [Laughter]. And...but we are not going to change it. We are not after *vox populi*. That is not our concern. We have got our standard method."

Director: "Yeah, sure. I believe that you should have these standards if you want them, if anybody wants them."

Śrīla Prabhupāda: "Yes. That is making us successful. We do not make any compromise. This is our method. If you like, you take it. If you don't like, you go away. Don't mind."

(Room conversation, 21/5/75)

Conclusion

In the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* (Ādi, 12.10), it is stated that "The order of the spiritual master is the active principle in spiritual life." Therefore, any new philosophy or idea can immediately be rejected if Śrīla Prabhupāda has not actively ordered it. Hence, not only is the philosophy that "Material success = Spiritual recognition" rendered deviant by the lack of direct authorisation for it from Śrīla Prabhupāda, but, additionally, Śrīla Prabhupāda has also directly condemned it. Thus, establishing conclusively and comprehensively, just how deviant this philosophy is.

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Making ISKCON accountable

"I have been a devotee since 1984. Am now initiated but am wisened over the years.

In South Africa there used to be an organisation called the Scorpions. They were an independent investigative department designed to keep the government honest. They proved to be too good at their job and kept embarrassing the government so that they eventually were disbanded. The moral of the story is that humans and organizations are unable by their very nature to keep a clear honest account. Thankfully you are there like the Scorpions providing an honest account of history and bringing the non-sense makers to account."

- Sheri Schiffer, Queensland, Australia

Editor replies:

As every issue of *BTP* documents, the IRM is very much needed to try to keep ISKCON honest, and to protect devotees from being cheated. For those who find the existence of the IRM a both-eration and would prefer that we did not exist, there is a simple solution. Get ISKCON to stop cheating in Śrīla Prabhupāda's name, and then our activities can also stop!

Bad news to good news

"Hare Krishna. Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the ONLY *Dikṣā* Guru!

I have happily received *Back To Prabhupāda*.

As always, it is filled to the brim with news both good and bad, and the most excellent commentaries. I must say I was very appalled to read of the Ratha-yātrā conducted in Durban in *BTP* 39. It shows the increasing degradation that infects so much of ISKCON. ISKCON is not the house that Śrīla Prabhupāda

built. It hasn't been for decades. Keep it up, *Prabhuji*. The truth is always good news...even when it is about bad news."

- Dāmodara Dāsa, Nebraska, USA

Editor replies:

Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted that we vigorously challenge the false so-called "swamis and gurus":

"I am very glad that you are challenging all of these so called swamis and gurus. My Guru Maharaja appreciated devotees who boldly present our Vaisnava philosophy. We must take advantage of every opportunity to defeat these rascals and drive them away, so please continue this strong attitude."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 30/11/71)

And, in order to challenge and defeat them, we need to expose their false philosophies and activities. However, such fake swamis and gurus are now found within ISKCON itself, and thus, exposing them may appear as "bad news", since it requires documenting that deviation is occurring in ISKCON. But, such "bad news" actually results in "good news", because the very act of exposing such false philosophies and activities within ISKCON will lead to:

1. Such falsehood being driven out of ISKCON. We have documented many cases where, due to our preaching, ISKCON has been forced to adopt the correct position.

2. Devotees being saved from such falsehood, as our education leads to devotees rejecting the false path and instead accepting the correct path.

Directed to the truth

"Hare Krishna,

I did a 'disciple course' this month at ISKCON Juhu, Mumbai and for the first time came across the word *ṚTVIK*. I got curious about this and started to learn more about this, and stum-

bled upon *BTP* and the debate on Gurus vs. *Ṛtviks*. I am attending ISKCON from 2011 and done *Bhakti Vriksh* beginners course and waiting now for *Bhakti Shastri* course to start. I got an opportunity to get initiated but was not sure of my readiness, so my *śikṣā* guru suggested to take it after one more year, and now this confusion.

I am also a subscriber to "Thought of the Day" by Sankarshan Dāsa.

I am 53 years old. So now what should I do?

Just to understand more on this, do *Ṛtviks* as of now initiate disciples for Śrīla Prabhupāda?

Humble obeisances,"

- Krishna Kumar, Mumbai, India

Editor replies:

In *BTP* we have documented that Śrīla Prabhupāda ordered that he alone remain ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru. Therefore, your first step is to become convinced of this fact.

To this end, we can send you, free of charge, *BTP* magazines and other literature.

Simply send us your mailing address.

After you have become convinced of this fact, we can see the next step.

Interestingly, our last issue contained an exposé of Sankarshan Dāsa, and the lies which he peddles to justify his position as a successor to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

It is Krishna's arrangement that Supersoul has directed you to find out the truth before you got initiated by a guru hoaxer.

Thank you. Hare Krishna.

"Could you please send me *The Final Order* and *Special Summary Issue* so that I can know about *BTP*. I did not know the above *BTP* till I picked one from a hospital table left by someone. I am a life member of ISKCON and want to know the truth."

- B.K. Bahri, Wolverhampton, UK

Editor replies:

This shows the potency of *BTP* to reach devotees even in the unlikely of places! Below is another example of such an incident:

"*BTP* came to me as a God-gift. Someone left it on the seat next to me in a plane. It gave me amazing insight to Prabhupāda's ideology.

I would like to subscribe to it."

- Cheema AK, Rajasthan, India

Lip service and Bengali Śrīmad Bhāgavatam

"Hare Krishna Krishnakant Prabhu.

Below is a small excerpt of a lecture. I thought it would be interesting to you:

"The mercy of the pure devotee is very powerful. In the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, it is mentioned that one of the pure devotees of the Lord had the power to deliver the entire universe. So, when we hear such a statement we think, 'naah, this is exaggerated! How can one devotee deliver the entire universe?' But when we see Śrīla Prabhupāda then we can understand, 'yes one devotee can deliver the entire universe.' He made it practical, he made it realistic...somehow or other we see that the holy name penetrated in people's hearts."

A lecture given by His Holiness Kāṇana Mahārāja, "Just Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa" 13 August 2012 in New Vraja Maṇḍala, Spain.

Finally, Balgopal Prabhu and I have a question regarding the Bengali translations of *Śrīmad Bhāgavatam* 4.8.54.

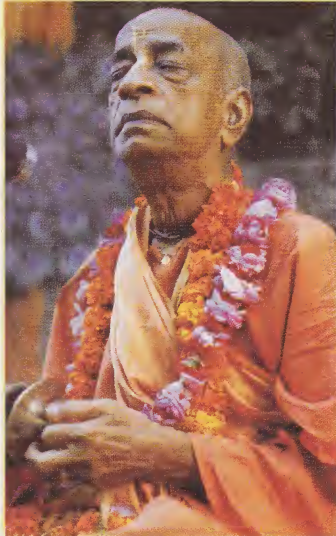
Do you happen to know whether the omitted lines of the Bengali translations have now been rectified?

Thank you.

Hare Krishna,
Your servants,"

- Ashish Panday and Bālagopāla Dāsa, Durban, South Africa

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Śrīla Prabhupāda:

Our only worshipable guru

Editor replies:

Dear Ashish and Bālagopāla Prabhus,

Hare Krishna!

1) Thank you very much for that lecture excerpt. It is definitely of interest. It illustrates the sheer hypocrisy and cheating which transpires when one is overcome by the desire to usurp Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru.

On the one hand, to gather followers, it is necessary to feign devotion to Śrīla Prabhupāda, since newer devotees especially have a natural attraction for Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thus, to establish his Prabhupāda-friendly credentials, **HH Kadamba Kānana Swami ("KKS")** will happily proclaim, **through words** that Śrīla Prabhupāda is even delivering the whole universe. However, if Śrīla Prabhupāda is doing this, he is definitely delivering the members of ISKCON, and thus acting as the *dikṣā* guru of ISKCON:

"The spiritual master initiates the disciple to deliver him, and if the disciple executes the order of the spiritual master and does not offend other Vaiṣṇavas, his path is clear."

(Cc., *Madhya-līlā*, 1.218)

"The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the

ocean of mercy. Just as the cloud pours water on the forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master extinguishes the blazing fire of material existences unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master."

(*Śrī Gurvaṣṭakam Prayers*, Verse 1)

The *Gurvaṣṭakam* prayers are sung by Śrīla Prabhupāda's *dikṣā* disciples to worship him as their spiritual master every morning in every ISKCON temple.

However, **in practice** KKS will insist that people worship *him* as the *dikṣā* guru instead of Śrīla Prabhupāda, claiming that Śrīla Prabhupāda can no longer act as the *dikṣā* guru in ISKCON. For KKS is one of the 70-odd GBC-elected *dikṣā* guru successors to Śrīla Prabhupāda, currently offered by ISKCON.

Thus, such lip service glorifying Śrīla Prabhupāda is nothing but an act, engaged in by those who are usurping Śrīla Prabhupāda's position, as a means to actually assist the act of usurping Śrīla Prabhupāda's position, by making a show of devotion to Śrīla Prabhupāda with which to impress gullible followers.

2) The latest translation of the *Bhāgavatam* in Bengali from the 2012 edition does not have the rectification made, and we are not aware of any new reprinting since that date (please see *BTP* 27 for information regarding this book change). We had pointed this book change out in 2000, and therefore if at all they were planning to correct it, they would have already done so by now. But instead, every reprinting since that date has kept the change intact.

Thank you. Your servant,
Krishnakant

The Final Order appreciation

"Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble

obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

In view of bringing many misdirected devotees close to Śrīla Prabhupāda, we have been making a sincere attempt to present the real picture to them. As one of the avenues is to make them read the book *The Final Order*, we would be very thankful to serve this cause.

Kindly arrange to send me 10 copies of this book at the below mentioned address and oblige."

- **Shyam Charan Dāsa, The Manager, The Akshaya Patra Foundation, Gujarat, India**

"Hare Krishna. I have received *The Final Order*. Thank you, a very good paper for establishing Śrīla Prabhupāda as ISKCON's sole Initiating Guru."

- **Cayetano Rodriguez, San Salvador, El Salvador**

"I very humbly request your good self to send me a copy of *The Final Order* to the following address. To be very straight forward, I was very delighted to know that you give it free of cost. I am sure after reading this book my life will change.

Regards,"

- **Vijay K. Seshadri, Andhra Pradesh, India**

Editor replies:

As we have detailed in this Interactive section, many others have attested that their lives have been changed by our publications, and therefore you are correct to reach the same conclusion.

Who is a "real Vaiṣṇava"?

"You lot are not Vaiṣṇav. You people are power crazy but don't get that, that is why you criticise others. Real Vaiṣṇav never criticise anyone but tolerate. So don't try with us. We don't like you lot coward. Be Krishna conscious then you will learn to look at your mistake than anyone else's. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Guru Mahārāj Śrīmad Bhakti Cha-

ru Swami Mahārāj. Please come out of *māyā* and be real Vaiṣṇav. All glories to Śrī Guru and Śrī Gaurāṅga."

- **Samar Mukherjee, London, UK**

Editor replies:

This letter of criticism directed at the IRM perfectly illustrates the hypocrisy, fanaticism and general lack of understanding of Krishna consciousness which permeates those who are followers of the GBC's guru hoaxers.

1. The writer heavily criticises the IRM, stating that we are power-crazy, non-Vaiṣṇava cowards in *māyā* (illusion):

"You lot are not Vaiṣṇav."

"You people are power crazy"

"You lot coward."

"Please come out of māyā and be real Vaiṣṇav."

After this heavy criticism, he claims:

"Real Vaiṣṇav never criticises anyone but tolerate."

Thus, by the writer's own belief, he should not criticise *us*, otherwise his behaviour is contradictory and hypocritical.

2. Śrīla Prabhupāda does not teach that a Vaiṣṇava never criticises anyone.

On the contrary, Śrīla Prabhupāda teaches that materialism and those who are misleading and cheating should be criticised with the truth, and such behaviour is actually being merciful:

"On the whole, I wish to present Back To Godhead purely in the line of Krishna Consciousness throughout and criticism of too much materialism, as you have written many articles already."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 15/2/69)

"That these rascals are jackals. Now they are talking nonsense. We can detect that 'Here is a jackal.' So we have to expose them. They are not leader; they are jackals. So jackals cannot anymore rule over. That should be our propaganda. Not only

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Śrīla Prabhupāda:

"Our business is to point out who is not a saint."

scientific, all political things, social things, everything. They should be all kicked out."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Morning Walk, 3/5/73)

"Write vigorous articles to kick on the face of these rascals. [...] Do you think it is nice? You are talking all nonsense, and I have to believe you?"

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Morning Walk, 19/4/73)

"You cannot tolerate this misleading. People are innocent. It is our duty to become merciful upon them, to give them real knowledge. And these people are misleading. There must be strong protests against these rascals."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Morning Walk, 3/5/73)

"Our business is to point out who is not a saint."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Morning Walk, 10/4/75)

"If a man is a thief and if people are warned that he is a thief, that is truth. Although sometimes the truth is unpalatable, one should not refrain from speaking it. Truthfulness demands that the facts be presented as they are for the ben-

efit of others. That is the definition of truth."

(Bg., 10.4-5)

3. Therefore, what is relevant is whether or not what we speak is truthful. Whether we are giving people real knowledge. Whether we are exposing nonsense and presenting Krishna consciousness. And, we invite everyone to judge BTP by these measures, and to point out where the statements of BTP do not meet these standards. But neither this writer, nor anyone else, has ever been able to find fault with BTP according to these Krishna conscious standards.

Otherwise, they would actually be able to point out where BTP was untruthful and departing from the teachings of Śrīla Prabhupāda. And, being unable to do this, they are forced instead to resort to simply saying "never criticise".

BTP presents real Vaiṣṇava philosophy

"I want to smash the GBC and learn about the Vaiṣṇava philosophy.

Your servant,"

- Neil Wasmund, Hertfordshire, UK

Editor replies:

BTP presents the Vaiṣṇava philosophy as taught to us by Śrīla Prabhupāda. This in turn automatically defeats the false philosophies presented by the current GBC of ISKCON in the name of Vaiṣṇavism. Therefore, those wishing to both defeat the false GBC as well as learn actual Vaiṣṇava philosophy, have definitely come to the correct place!

Using vs. serving Śrīla Prabhupāda

"Thank you very much *Prabhu* for sending me *The Final Order* and magazines, what I didn't have is the *100 Deviations*. I thank you also for opening my eyes in what really happened in ISKCON. I received initiation from Tamāl Kṛṣṇa

in 1987, before that was Hansadutta worship. Although they were advanced devotees, guru worship does not fit them. They helped us to know more about Lord Krishna but they did not tell us that we are Prabhupāda's disciples. Anyway, I agree with your revelations. Actually that was an old issue in Siddhaswarup movement, but we didn't understand it then. Now I know that guru is not appointed. Really, you gave me enlightenment. PLEASE ACCEPT MY MOST HUMBLE OBEISANCES!! HARE KRISHNA!!"

- Jimmy Garcia, Manila, Philippines

Editor replies:

Śrīla Prabhupāda has prescribed that his disciples who were GBCs, such as Tamāl Kṛṣṇa and Haṁsadūta, have the duty to bring others to Krishna consciousness by teaching what Śrīla Prabhupāda has taught:

"The GBC should all be the instructor gurus. I am in the initiator guru, and you should be the instructor guru by teaching what I am teaching and doing what I am doing."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 4/8/1975)

And many of them have helped to do this by distributing Śrīla Prabhupāda's books and preaching. In this way, they have introduced others to Lord Krishna. But, Śrīla Prabhupāda clearly states that though the GBC should preach on his behalf, he, Śrīla Prabhupāda, will remain the "initiator guru". And in the *Bhagavad-gītā*, Lord Krishna instructs that:

"You have a right to perform your prescribed duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action."

(Bg., 2.47)

Thus, though certain GBCs in ISKCON may have performed their duty and helped others learn about Krishna consciousness, they should not then have tried to take advantage of this work by

attempting to make those whom they preached to their disciples. One is then not serving Śrīla Prabhupāda, but instead simply using Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings and movement for self-aggrandisement.

The importance of persistence

"Hare Kṛṣṇa, Krishnakant *Prabhu*. All Glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please accept my most fallen and humble obeisances.

Dear *Prabhu*, several years ago, you sent me the BTP magazine and I sent it back to you, (I wrote on it 'Not Interested'). I hope you will forgive me for making such a big mistake. Forgive me, that I didn't believe you. It was several years ago. I was a formal disciple of BCS (Bhakti Charu Swami - Ed.), maybe you will remember. My life has changed now. I have rejected BCS. I only accept the authority of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Will you please be kind upon this fallen soul and send me *The Final Order*, and the *100 Contradictions* and *100 Deviations* books about BCS and Śivārāma Swami as well as the BTP magazine?

Forgive me again *Prabhu*, at that moment I was fully under the control of IT'S GONE, not ISKCON. Many things have happened, I don't want to talk about it. Lord Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda have opened my eyes and my foolish burnt-out hard disk brain couldn't accept all the things at the time. But now I'm ready for it, because this fool has undergone so much suffering, that I started to search all the websites, and at last I have seen and read all the articles, and the attacking of the devotees, who love Śrīla Prabhupāda, with their whole heart.

Please have mercy for this fallen soul. I want to use your books to convince other devotees, that Śrīla Prabhupāda never appointed

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gurus to initiate.

Please accept my fallen and humble obeisances. And again, forgive me.

Always your servant,"

- Indradevi Dāsi, The Hague, The Netherlands

Editor replies:

This shows the value of continuing to preach, even when it seems as if people are not interested. Eventually the truth will prevail!

Sincerity and purity

"It's all about purity and sincerity.

JAI PRABHUPĀDA!"

- Rosario Gonzalez, New York, USA

Editor replies:

Yes, in this regard, Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote:

"Nobody can challenge our sincerity and our purity in this world. Let anyone come, any so-called society, yoga society, this society, this, that. The best thing we are presenting. There is no doubt about it. Now people has to know it, how to make it known."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Meeting, 9/6/69)

Unfortunately, as we have documented in our article, "ISKCON's New Mission" in BTP 30, which can be read online here:

www.iskconirm.com/mission, ISKCON today is no longer presenting the "best thing" which Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us, and thus the purity and sincerity are no longer present.

Real initiation

"Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All Glories To His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda!

I did not have yet a *hari-nāma* initiation. What is my situation?

Hare Krishna,"

- Bhakta John Cabbigat, Ifugao, Philippines

Editor replies:

"So anyway, from 1922 to 1933 practically I was not initiated, but I got the impression of preaching Caitanya Mahāprabhu cult. That I was thinking. And that was the initiation by my Guru Mahārāja."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, 10/12/76)

"Initiation is a formality. If you are serious, that is real initiation. My touch is simply a formality. It is your determination, that is initiation."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda article, BTG, Search for the Divine)

"The chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa is our main business, that is real initiation. And as you are all following my instruction, in that matter, the initiator is already there."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 19/8/68)

"Well, initiation or no initiation, first thing is knowledge... knowledge. Initiation is formality. Just like you go to a school for knowledge, and admission is formality. That is not very important thing."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Interview, 16/10/76)

"A disciple means one who is always following the orders of the spiritual master. So I instruct my disciples to refrain from four prohibitions, namely no eating of meat, fish or eggs, no illicit sex life, no taking of intoxication, including tea, coffee, cigarettes, etc., and no gambling. Besides that my students must chant sixteen rounds of japa-mala of Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra daily. So if you are able to follow these principles without fail, then you are as good as my disciple."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 11/8/72)

"Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to all Vaiṣṇavas in our Society! All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta

Swami Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Hare Krishna! I appreciate very much your immediate reply to my short letter. Right away I felt gladdened and most of all I felt guided in my spiritual life although it seems far yet, however, it was very satisfied. I'm always looking forward to a realization that would keep me up to get seriously engaging in devotional service as long as I can. Thank you very much.

Hare Krishna."

- Bhakta John

Anger and hatred towards IRM

"Hare Krishna.

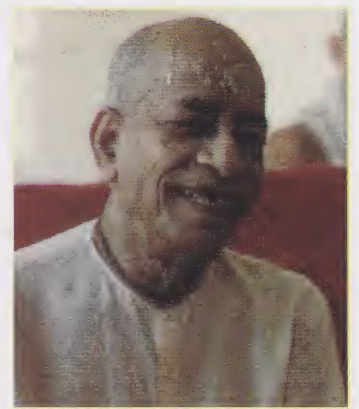
I have some questions, can you please answer them. What is the difference between IRM and BTP? Why do other ISKCON members have such hatred against you guys when both of you are under the same umbrella? In what ways has the ISKCON movement changed in its ideology? Thank you."

- Bobby Kumar, New South Wales, Australia

Editor replies:

1) The IRM is the ISKCON Revival Movement, which is a group of devotees who want ISKCON to represent the glorious and pure movement which Śrīla Prabhupāda actually founded, by strictly adhering to Śrīla Prabhupāda's orders. *Back To Prabhupāda* (BTP) is the magazine of this movement.

2) Certain persons within ISKCON are deviating from Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings and instead using Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement and teachings to enrich themselves for Profit, Adoration and Distinction (PAD). The key deviation is usurping Śrīla Prabhupāda's position as ISKCON's *dīkṣā* guru. Some of the other deviations are given in this article "ISKCON's New Mission", from BTP 30, which is available to read online here:



Returning to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the real *dīkṣā* guru

www.iskconirm.com/mission.

The IRM is dedicated to exposing these persons who are cheating and misleading others in Śrīla Prabhupāda's name. Our activities therefore pose a major threat to the PAD enjoyment of such persons, and consequently they have anger and hatred towards us, since we are hindering their sense gratification program.

Coming back to Prabhupāda

"I thank you for helping me, with tolerance and patience, to slowly, step by step, come to understanding the real truth. Reading BTP 37 gave me relief. During the time, by reading your publications, my mind has become, slowly, more and more clear and free from old, bad doctrines.

In your article "Chopping v. Compromise", you explained the true compassion you are giving to all devotees, by keeping a "no compromise" attitude.

At the end of the article "Śrīla Prabhupāda v. The *ṛtviks*" you said:

"So devotees need to choose: Śrīla Prabhupāda or the *ṛtviks* (ISKCON gurus)?" That sentence is enough to wake us all up.

And as far I am concerned the following quotation is the proof of Śrīla Prabhupāda's real position:

"Dīkṣā actually means initiating disciple with transcenden-

BTP Interactive (continued)

tal knowledge by which he can become freed from all material contamination."

(Cc., *Madhya-lilā*, 4.111)

And we all know who is the source of all knowledge! Who gave us this knowledge? Who is so learned, as Vyāsadeva Himself? None can compare to even 1% of Śrīla Prabhupāda's perfection, knowledge, humility, dedication, surrendering ability, compassion...so is there anybody who can choose anyone beside Śrīla Prabhupāda?

I also learned how important it is to read Śrīla Prabhupāda's books.

And I feel happy that I am still alive, so I can make changes in my spiritual life and become more serious in following Prabhupāda's orders, now, with new and fresh understanding.

So, thank you for bringing us Back To Prabhupāda! I will do my best to spread this message.

Your grateful servant"

- **Daivi-Śakti Devī Dāsi, Zagreb, Croatia**

"Śrīla Prabhupāda is the last ācārya so I hope ISKCON follows Prabhupāda's instruction.

Thanks.

Haribol!"

- **P. Premasiri, London, UK**

"Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda is like the flowing river who came into my life and vanished all my worries and taught me what is life."

- **Vikram Singh H. Parmar, Hubli, India**

"We can please Śrīla Prabhupāda simply by following Śrīla Prabhupāda's instruction."

- **Madan Gopal Dāsa, Jaipur, India**

"Prabhupāda is a real guru. *Jai Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jai Gaurāṅga, Hari Bol.*

Hare Krishna.

- **Bablu Verma, Bihar, India**

"The current guru system is a hoax."

- **B.G. Patel, Ilford, UK**

IRM/BTP APPRECIATION

"It's an excellent magazine to enhance the spiritualism inside a man."

- **Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak, Orissa, India**

"Was told about your magazine and given this card by a friend. Thank you—can't wait to get your mag. Thanks for standing up for Jagad Guru Śrīla Prabhupāda. *Hari-bol!*"

- **Marc Stern, Dallas, USA**

"Great Soul Krishnakant, Bless You and *"Back To Prabhupāda"*.

Yet another smash, kick'em on the face exposure.

How is it possible our *Jagad Guru*, who has beautifully written the Law Books for the next 10,000 years be only *śikṣā guru*?

Keep shootin', Krishnakant *Prabhu*, your aim is perfect.

You are a Spiritual Thorn in the sides and feet of the cheaters.

Looking back a few issues, it occurred to me how very hard you must work in order to put together such a terrific magazine—*"Back To Prabhupāda"*.

You must be better at it than MI5. How you get into their emails and private conversations is just fascinating.

Pray for them. Much thanks and appreciation for your courageous service/publishing.

As usual, you've put a very nice photo of *Jagad Guru* on the cover.

Thanks to your truthfulness, my *japa* has improved. All the Best to you. Hare Kṛṣṇa. You are pleasing Śrīla Prabhupāda so much."

- **Ramai Devī Dāsi, West Virginia, USA**

"Thank you so much! *Hari Hari Bol!*"

- **Jean Young, Carriere, USA**

"Hare Krishna,

I've been following IRM for a long time, I appreciate it very much the magazines you send me.

I still only follow Prabhupāda's teachings.

Thank you very much and keep up the good work. Hare Krishna."

- **Ramses Helder, The Hague, The Netherlands**

"I really appreciate you for the free subscription to *BTP* magazine and very good service around the world."

- **B. Nithayananda Kamath, Chennai, India**

"*Haribol*. Many thanks, keep up the good work."

- **Ananta-Śeṣa Dāsa, New South Wales, Australia**

"Thanks a million!"

- **Milton Aviles, California, USA**

"Hare Kṛṣṇa *Prabhus*. All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Thank you for your wonderful magazine, *Back To Prabhupāda*."

- **Isvari Devī Dāsi, California, US**

"I have got copies of *BTP* and gone through all pages/columns and I found at part E column 3 by HH Prahlādānanda Swami Aug. 30th 2006 of *BTP* Special Issue 2. Yes, the main problem of the GBC Body/gurus is they are not doing their job according to Prabhupāda's order."

- **Damodar Dāsa, Hants, UK**

"Very good work. I am a follower of Śrīla Prabhupāda."

- **K.S.K. Prasad, Andhra Pradesh, India**

"Keep up the excellent work!! Prabhupāda *Ki Jay*."

- **Gitā Govinda, Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

"AGTSP. PAMHO. Thank you for the work you do!"

- **Laura Tinling, New York, USA**

"Well illustrated and beautifully compiled. Keep it up."

- **Dr. S.C. Mahajan, Punjab, India**

"Thanks for sending this literature to know more about Lord Krishna. I hope I will be more enlightened. Thanking you."

- **Y.L. Visweswaraiah, Karnataka, India**

"*Sarva-dharmān parityajya mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja*. May Lord Krishna continue to guide us,

Hare Krishna."

- **Sri Chandan & Smt. Tapashi Guha Majumdar, Kolkata, India**

"All glories to your service!"

- **Adrian Auler, M.A. East-West Psychology California Institute of Integral Studies**

"Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you for continuing to send *BTP*, it is truly a beacon in dark times. By the way—the facility I am housed in is only a few blocks from where Śrīla Prabhupāda stayed when he was in Butler, PA in the 60's. Again, thank you *Prabhu*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your servant,"

- **Josh Mattocks, Butler County Prison, Pennsylvania, USA**

"Thank you once again exposing much of the nonsense in ISKCON as it gets still further from Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings 'AS THEY ARE'. Hare Kṛṣṇa."

- **Balaram Dāsa (Initiated 1973- by the causeless mercy of His Divine Grace), Queensland, Australia**

"We all agree with the IRM and hope that all the temples do the same. *Jaya Śrīla Prabhupāda!!*"

- **Jamadagni Dāsa, Houston, USA**

"Very significant progress as usual by IRM. You have helped to keep me confident in these difficult times. Received *TFO (The Final Order)*. *BTP* Issue 38 is truly glorious. Up to usual gloriously good standard. Endeavouring to appreciate more completely the mercy you print in *BTP* magazines."

- **Svarūpa Dāmodara Dāsa, Cavan, Ireland**

"I enjoyed the last *BTP* very much. Each new issue just keeps getting better. It sure looks like you have them hogtied to me.

About the *sahajiyā* matter, that statement by Hridayānanda Goswami a few transcriptions back that being a *dikṣā* guru is as much a "lifestyle choice" as anything else, has to take the cake! *Oṁ tat sat*."

- **Bhakta Charles, Oregon, USA**

No Need for War Against Śrīla Prabhupāda

GBC-elected guru **HH Śivārāma Swami ("SRS")** gave a lecture in which he spoke about the history of the battle the GBC has waged against accepting Śrīla Prabhupāda as ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru. Excerpts in the shaded boxes below are from a lecture given by SRS at Bhaktivedanta Manor, in January 2014.

History of battle

"It seems like a type of phenomena that we have in ISKCON that those people who are your Bhīṣmadevas, your grandparents, you end up fighting with them sometimes on the battlefield, you have to face them. And we do that sometimes. Devotees come out with different types of...over the years actually ISKCON UK was the home of *ṛtvik* philosophy. It's no credit to ISKCON UK, but this is really where it sort of took birth. Krishnakant Desai. I remember when we had our *saṅkīrtan* house over in Watford, and him sitting with me, sometime around in 1986, and talking, he was still a University student, 'Can't Prabhupāda just really be the guru, the initiating guru?' (I) said, 'No, he can't be the initiating guru'. And that's one way that sometimes devotees get off on a tangent in terms of philosophically...and then one has to do battle with them."

1. SRS gives the history of the movement to re-establish Śrīla Prabhupāda as the *dikṣā* guru of ISKCON. Some 30 years ago, SRS was legitimately asked by *BTP*'s editor why Śrīla Prabhupāda could not be everyone's guru. SRS admits that his answer was simply to deny this as being possible. But denials are not philosophy. When devotees have questions they must be answered, not denied. Because denials cannot defeat the truth. SRS states here that he is not happy that this movement was established in the UK,

but what did he expect, when he was unable to answer a legitimate question with anything other than a denial? And thus, the movement to establish Śrīla Prabhupāda as ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru has simply continued to grow and grow, so much so that as we show on page 3, even the GBC has been forced to concede, at least philosophical, Śrīla Prabhupāda's *dikṣā* guru status.

2. SRS writes that following him not being able to rebut Śrīla Prabhupāda's *dikṣā* guru status with anything more than a denial, a battle has been waged against accepting Śrīla Prabhupāda as ISKCON's guru, which he compares to the *Mahābhārata* war! But, as we document in our book, *Śrīla Prabhupāda: The Founder-Ācārya of ISKCON*, such a war is not necessary, since both sides accept the same philosophy and conclusions! The GBC just needs to accept and implement its own statements!

Don't trust memory

"anyway there's lots of history there. Someone should always be writing book, there should always be actually a history. [...] Unless things are written down, don't trust anything to memory."

1. SRS states that it is important that history is recorded rather than trusting "anything to memory". We could not agree more, and this is a point we make as part of the Prabhupāda-Only Paradigm (POP—please see *BTP* 31, or read about it online here: www.iskconirm.com/POP).

We state that in order to know what Śrīla Prabhupāda said, we require to rely on what is recorded directly from Śrīla Prabhupāda, rather than testimonies relying on memories. And, as SRS states, since we should not "trust anything to memory", then even diaries, which are based on mem-

ories, are just as unreliable—because this is simply transferring to written form the same unreliable memory. Hence, the *only* reliable way to know what Śrīla Prabhupāda said, is to actually have **Śrīla Prabhupāda** recorded as directly stating it, in writing or on tape. If SRS and the GBC adhered strictly to this standard, then some of the "evidence" they rely on would actually be revealed to not be evidence at all.

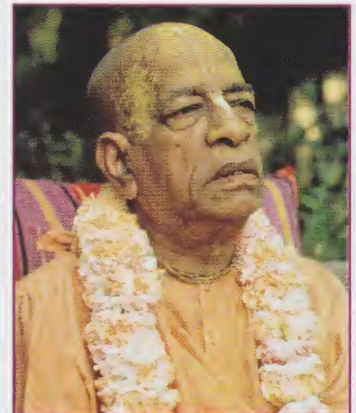
2. In regards to SRS's point that history should always be recorded, anyone who reads the IRM's publications knows that the IRM are already doing this. We ensure that the many mistakes and ugly history which ISKCON's leaders would rather be covered up or hidden, are actually brought to light. For example, please see the articles on the next 2 pages of this very issue!

Learn from history

"And it's such an important thing actually, it's important for the sake of records, it's important for the sake of history so that we can actually learn from history and see and know 'That's already been done before. Don't do that, we already learned from that.' And many good things, many mistakes, and so that also we don't forget."

SRS states that it is important to learn from history so that we can learn from the mistakes which have been made in the past. Ironically, SRS made these comments as part of giving a history of one of ISKCON's guru hoaxers, Bhagavān, about whom SRS states:

"Bhagavān Dāsa, who was at that time the GBC for France and Italy and Spain and Benelux, he would become the GBC of the UK. He was a very charismatic, very good manager, very capable person. As it turned out he also had his weaknesses [...] he then liter-



Śrīla Prabhupāda:
GBC should give up war against him

ally ran away with one of his God-sisters. [...] It took its toll on devotees' faith [...] Devotees were really broken-hearted, they felt betrayed."

Yet, the one person who did *not* learn from Bhagavān's history of having "betrayed" and wreaked havoc in the faith of devotees, was SRS himself. SRS had been seduced by the "charismatic" Bhagavān and had taken the lead in promoting him as a bona fide guru. Yet, after the devastation wreaked by Bhagavān, SRS repeated his mistake by first promoting Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja (please see next article for more information) and then promoting Balabhadra Dāsa—actions which he later admitted also ended up weakening the faith of the devotees (please see our book *100 Deviations: The Life and Teachings of His Holiness Śivārāma Swami*, where these facts are documented).

Conclusion

1. The GBC need to give up trying to fight accepting Śrīla Prabhupāda as ISKCON's guru, when philosophically they have no answer for why Śrīla Prabhupāda cannot be everyone's *dikṣā* guru.

2. Do not trust memory, but only that which is directly recorded.

3. Do not repeat, but learn from, history and one's mistakes.

BAD History v. Real History - 1

At the "ISKCON Leaders *Saṅga*" held in Māyāpur, India, during the annual GBC meetings, GBC member and newly created ISKCON *sannyāsī* (renunciant) **Badrinarayan Dāsa ("BAD")** gave an account of what he claims is the "historical record" of the GBC. Below we compare BAD's GBC history with what actually happened. All quotes in the shaded boxes over the next 2 pages are from a lecture given by BAD on 19/2/14.

BAD history

"And if we actually look at the history, it is the GBC that finally kicked over the zonal *ācārya* system. It is the GBC that finally stood up to Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja, stood up to the *ṛtvik* presentation. [...] But the fact of the matter is that we have seen that when the movement was going off, it has generally speaking been the GBC that's brought it back on course. That's the historical record."

BAD claims that it is the GBC that has saved ISKCON from deviating, citing the zonal *ācārya* system, **Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja ("NM")** and the *ṛtvik* presentation as evidence. Let us examine each of these in turn to test the reality against BAD's claims.

Zonal *ācārya*

The zonal *ācārya* system was the system whereby, following the departure of Śrīla Prabhupāda from this world, 11 men self-appointed themselves as "gurus" and divided the world up into 11 zones. The key point about this system, which BAD does not mention, was that it was actually created and propagated by the GBC, who falsely attributed its creation to Śrīla Prabhupāda:

"...for 1978, no new Spiritual Masters shall be appointed other than the 11 selected by Śrīla Prabhupāda."
(GBC Resolution 16, 19/3/78)

Subsequently, as a fellow GBC member admits, the GBC merely modified this system by adding even more gurus:

"it was not actually a reform. It was kind of watering down the same misconception and continuing. Like what we did was we appointed some more gurus and opened up the world for anybody to initiate wherever he wanted. Whereas previous to that it was a kind of zonal *ācārya*. [...] And that defective system may have been watered down to some extent but it's still prevailing."

(GBC member HH Bhakti Charu Swami, Toronto, 20/7/03)

So, the "historical record" is:

a) It was the GBC who were responsible for the movement "going off" in regard to the zonal *ācārya* system.

b) The GBC then continued the original zonal *ācārya* deviation in a different form.

Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja

NM, now deceased, was a teacher from the Gauḍīya Maṭha institution. It was the GBC who were responsible for promoting and popularising NM to ISKCON members. In 1990, when NM was relatively unknown in ISKCON, a centre-piece interview was conducted with NM by GBC member **Ravindra Svarūpa Dāsa** in the GBC publication *ISKCON Journal*, where NM's opinions and testimony on *guru-tattva* were offered as authoritative. Indeed, his contribution is even recorded in a GBC resolution:

"Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of the GBC had been preparing the *ISKCON Journal*, [...] interviews with several of the prominent devotees that were assisting Śrīla Prabhupāda during his last year among us, including Nārāyaṇa Mahārāja (a long-standing associate of Śrīla Prabhupāda and friend of

ISKCON)."

(GBC Resolution 128, 1990)

And a leading coterie of GBC members, such as **HH Śivārāma Swami ("SRS")**, had become intimate followers of NM, as SRS confesses:

"I had maintained what I saw to be an innocent and intermittent acquaintance with a Vaiṣṇava outside ISKCON. By the mid-nineties, though, that acquaintance became part of a controversy: should ISKCON leaders be taking guidance from a Vaiṣṇava outside ISKCON? [...] that apparently kindly Vaiṣṇava became ISKCON's antagonist; ISKCON's members went outside for *śikṣā* and *dikṣā*; and even now devotees abandon ISKCON for the promise of a brighter spiritual future. I am unhappy to have contributed to this scenario."

(Preface, *Śikṣā Outside ISKCON?*)

Though the GBC later did ask its members to stop associating with NM, due to the latter's emphasis on "intimate Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa *līlā*"—

"the GBC directs that the members of ISKCON should respect all senior Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavas outside ISKCON, but should not intimately associate with them, [...] as their presentation of Krishna consciousness often differs from that of Śrīla Prabhupāda [...] literature focusing on "*rasika-bhakti*," intimate Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa *līlā*, and other subject matters suitable only for highly advanced souls, represents a departure from Śrīla Prabhupāda's orders..."

(GBC Resolution 73, 1995)

—it still continues to support its own members promoting the same type of teachings. For example, GBC member SRS is allowed to peddle *sahajiyā* "gopi" fiction", wherein he fabricates stories involving Kṛṣṇa and his confidential associates, the *gopīs*, that have



BAD: Gives bad GBC history

been produced entirely from his own imagination (*Suddha-bhakti Cintāmani, Na Pāraye 'Ham*).

So, the "historical record" is:

a) It was the GBC who were responsible for the movement "going off" in regard to NM;

b) The GBC still allows the same type of teachings promoted by NM to continue to be propagated in ISKCON.

Ṛtvik

By "*ṛtvik* presentation", BAD means the evidence put forward by the IRM in *The Final Order (TFO)* that Śrīla Prabhupāda is ISKCON's *dikṣā* (initiating) guru. (BAD actually was the person who, on behalf of the GBC, asked *BTP*'s editor at a meeting in Los Angeles in May 1996 to prepare and submit the document which would become *TFO*, for the GBC's consideration). However, the historical record shows that though the GBC may have prohibited "*ṛtvik*", they have not "stood up" to *TFO*, but rather have been forced to accept its philosophical conclusions. For example, as we demonstrate on page 3 of this issue, the GBC's official paper on Śrīla Prabhupāda's position—which it calls a "GBC Foundational Document"—ends up accepting the conclusion of *TFO* that Śrīla Prabhupāda is ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru. And, in *BTP* 41, we revealed how the GBC-endorsed "Vision Statement" for ISKCON UK *de facto* declares Śrīla Prabhupāda as the *dikṣā* guru of ISKCON (please see *BTP* 41, "GBC Adopts the IRM's Position").

So, the "historical record" is:

The GBC has been forced to accept *TFO*'s conclusions and is therefore unable to philosophically defeat it.

BAD History v. Real History - 2

As part of his potted GBC history, BAD also claims:

"Frankly, as a member of the GBC since 1987, excluding me, they tend to be pretty cautious, kind, gentle people, actually. [...] But my experience is the GBC tends to be pretty lenient, and tries to work things out again and again and again."

Again, let us test BAD's claims against the reality.

Lenient on child abuse

The GBC are "kind, gentle and lenient" when it comes to the issue of child abuse. This leniency towards child abuse is reflected in GBC resolution 407, 2006, which allows those convicted of child abuse to still visit ISKCON temples. They only have to abide by certain restrictions while visiting. Even then, such restrictions can be waived if there are "extenuating circumstances". This culture of leniency has meant that persons found guilty by ISKCON of having participated in child abuse, such as Dhanurdhara Swami (ISKCON Central Office of Child Protection decision dated 28/10/99), and ex-guru Bhavānanda Dāsa (ISKCON Central Office of Child Protection decision dated 1/7/2000) are not only welcome to attend ISKCON temples; but in the case Bhavānanda Dāsa, even hold a very important leadership position in the Māyāpur project. GBC member Hari Vilas Dāsa explains the GBC leniency towards the child abuse of GBC-authorized guru Dhanurdhara Swami:

"To complicate matters, Dhanurdara Mahārāja is supported by prominent members of the GBC and the movement. Those members who support him and have effectively stopped the hand of justice from acting or the rule of law are also implicated in the unimaginable horror and evil perpetrated by Dhanurdara Mahārāja and others in-

involved in the *gurukula* molestation and abuse. [...] Dhanurdara Mahārāja and others with the complicity of ISKCON leaders acted like Pūtānā in the very place where she tried to kill Krishna 5000 years before. He spiritually destructed helpless children who were placed under his guidance for protection and spiritual training. In my estimation, this is pure evil when the preceptor in the garb of a *saṅnyāsī* is the torturer. The evil continues when the torturer is protected and his due punishment and rehabilitation is mitigated by powerful friends".

(Hari Vilas Dāsa, GBC member, 17/6/06)

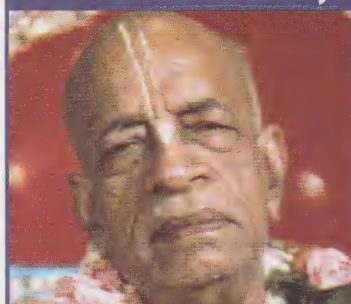
No leniency

The GBC's "kind, gentle and lenient" attitude towards those who have directly committed child abuse may be contrasted with their approach to those who merely believe that Śrīla Prabhupāda is the guru of ISKCON. Though child abusers are still welcome to visit ISKCON temples, those who are believers in Śrīla Prabhupāda's guru position (which the GBC labels "rtvik initiation theory") are banned outright:

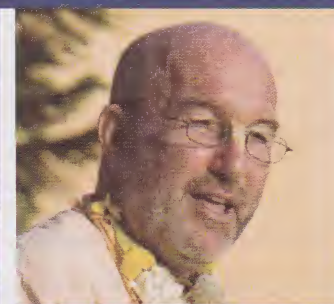
"The GBC hereby declares that the posthumous *rtvik* initiation theory is a dangerous philosophical deviation. It is therefore totally prohibited in ISKCON. [...] No ISKCON devotee shall advocate or support its practice. (GBC Resolution 1990-73) It is the desire of the local ISKCON, UK Charity Board of Directors, chaired by His Holiness Śivarāma Swami, that I strictly uphold the above mandate, and hence this letter. They have obliged me to ban all persons who advocate, assist, organise or help finance posthumous *rtvik* theories from coming to Bhaktivedanta Manor."

(Banning letter issued by ISKCON UK Headquarters Bhaktivedanta Manor)

GBC Leniency Double Standard



BANNED:
Those who support Śrīla Prabhupāda as the sole initiating (*dikṣā*) guru



WELCOME:
Those ISKCON find guilty of child abuse, such as Dhanurdhara Swami

Thus, the GBC's desire to hold on to power as guru successors to Śrīla Prabhupāda is so strong, that those who merely do not believe in their guru position are subject to harsher treatment than those who have actually committed child abuse.

BAD's deep philosophers

In concluding his "history" of the GBC, BAD states:

"The GBC should not be, is not supposed to be, and to my observation is not a bureaucracy. [...] Prabhupāda says they have to be *ācārya*-like, they have to be deep philosophers".

Yet, the very GBC paper which the IRM's *The Final Order* ("TFO") defeated, had to be withdrawn (GBC resolution 409, 2004), because, as GBC member Śivarāma Swami ("SRS") explains, rather than containing deep philosophy, it was full of lies:

"Jayādvaita Swami has been trying unsuccessfully to bring up the lies in this GBC paper to the GBC's attention for over 7 years. It is embarrassing to have as our official ISKCON paper something that stretches the truth and contains poor logic [...] Our official papers should be limited to honest and straightforward writings rather than what we wish the truth was."

(SRS, "'On My Order' Understood" Revision, Minutes AGM, 17/2/04)

Due to this inability to offer

any deep philosophy, the GBC then replaced this paper with a simple statement of belief rather than any philosophical explanation. Rather, as we noted in the previous article, whenever the GBC has attempted to philosophically address the issues raised by TFO, they have only ended up contradicting their official position while agreeing with TFO!

Conclusion

As BAD states in the last section, Śrīla Prabhupāda required that the GBC should be "*ācārya*-like":

"Rather, one who is competent, he can be selected to act by the board of the GBC. [...] They must be all ideal *ācārya*-like. In the beginning we have done for working. Now we should be very cautious. Anyone who is deviating, he can be replaced."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Conversation with GBC, 28/5/77)

But, as our exposé of BAD's bad GBC history over the previous 2 pages demonstrates, the GBC are nowhere near *ācārya*-like, but rather:

- a) Have been responsible for introducing deviations in ISKCON;
- b) Continue to allow deviations to occur in ISKCON;
- c) Their main priority is to allow their members to hold on to power as gurus, even though they are unable to justify such a position philosophically.

The Insanity of the PAD Disease

ISKCON GBC guru H Bhakti Charu Swami summarises a common objection offered by ISKCON's leadership for why Śrīla Prabhupāda can no longer be ISKCON's *dikṣā* guru (which they dub as "*ṛtvik*")—because there is no historical precedence for such a system:

"The difference is that *ṛtviks* are saying that Prabhupāda will continue to give *dikṣā*. That is the point that we cannot accept because there is no such precedence in the past."

(BCS Lecture, 14/8/04)

So, they are claiming that Śrīla Prabhupāda cannot still be a *dikṣā* guru ("*ṛtvik*" system) because such a system would be unique in the history of Vaiṣṇavism—unprecedented. Instead, as this year's GBC Resolutions describe, we are told that we must accept the current ISKCON guru system of many *dikṣā* gurus working under a GBC management board:

"ISKCON's ethos of multiple *dikṣā*- and *śikṣā*-gurus serving under the auspices of a global managerial board is unique in the history of Vaiṣṇavism, and so is the challenge it poses."

(GBC Resolution 318, Part A, 2014)

That is, the same persons are claiming that the current ISKCON guru system also has no historical precedence—"unique in the history of Vaiṣṇavism". Thus, to summarise, we are told that we cannot have a guru system with Śrīla Prabhupāda because it is unprecedented, and because instead we must accept a guru system which is unprecedented.

Therefore, according to the GBC: we must reject a guru system as not being bona fide because it is unprecedented, because the bona fide guru system is actually unprecedented!

To anyone who is even remotely sane, such reasoning would be obviously insane, rather than the considered reasoning of supposedly the highest spiritual body in the world. Unfortunately, such insanity is the result of what happens when one becomes overcome with the desire to be worshipped as good as God. One loses one's intelligence. (See this issue's Editorial for more on the topic of the need for intelligence.)

Thus, those persons who are motivated by the desire for Profit, Adoration and Distinction (PAD), which can be achieved through usurping Śrīla Prabhupāda's position, will find that they are unable to think straight as their reasoning becomes corrupted by their desires for position and power—with the end result being that they will come up with any nonsense they can to reject Śrīla Prabhupāda, and any reason they can to justify their own positions, even if it means offering exactly the *same* reason for both courses of action! Once motivation enters it is not possible to understand the truth, as one will only understand and see what will satisfy one's desires:

"As soon as personal motivation comes in it is not possible for one to understand our Krishna Consciousness philosophy."

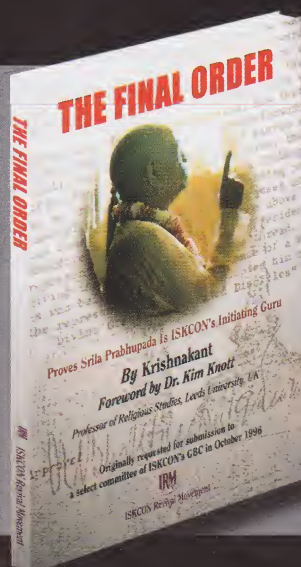
(Śrīla Prabhupāda Letter, 21/9/70)

Anyone can *claim* anything, and engage in name-calling, but only the IRM are able to consistently *document* the madness of the insane reasoning which is exhibited by those who oppose the IRM's conclusions. We present such insane reasoning here once again, and no doubt we will continue to present it again in the future.

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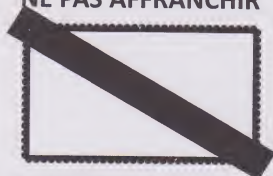
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